Dear Parents & Community Members,

I trust you have all enjoyed the beautiful weather over the weekend. Education Week was fantastic with our excursion to Woolgoolga on Monday, followed by student sausage sizzle on Thursday and then parent/family afternoon tea on Friday. Thanks to those who attended on Friday, enjoying Mrs Peart’s afternoon art session.

Farewell Harkirat

It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to Harkirat who is moving with his family to Brisbane. Harkirat quickly became a good friend to all of the students at our school and he will be missed. We wish him and his family all the best.

District Athletics

Congratulations to Isabella, Josh, Charlie and Malakai who all competed at last week’s District Athletics carnival. These students were great ambassadors of our school and put in a fantastic effort on the day. Thanks also to those parents who assisted with transport on the day.

Excursions

It was lovely to receive an email from Chantelle Burns (Marine Parks Authority Education officer) commenting on how well our students listened and behaved during our excursion last week. We will see Chantelle again in only a few weeks for our Coffs Creek Estuary excursion. Permission notes for our upcoming weekly trips to Spring Loaded and our excursion to the Marine Science Centre went home last week so please return your payment of $6 per child for the Marine excursion and signed permission notes.

School Photos

School photos will be taken on Wednesday of this week. Photos will be taken first and so it is important to arrive at school on time and also to be dressed in full school uniform.

Community Herb Garden

Our new herb garden has really begun to take shape with students putting in a huge effort to plant seedlings and create new garden beds. Thanks to Mrs Peart for leading the project... what a fantastic idea! Thanks also to Coffs Harbour Council for providing funds through the Green Schools initiative.

Woolworths Earn and Learn

Thank you to those students who have already brought back a whole sticker sheet. There are more available at the office. Please tell your friends that our school has their own “Earn and Learn” sticker box at Toormina Gardens Woolworths, if they would like to support the school by dropping their stickers into the box after purchasing groceries every little bit helps.

TERM 3 CALENDAR

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Bunnings BBQ

Preparations are continuing for our Bunnings P & C fundraiser BBQ being held on Sunday 23rd of August. We are still looking for help from parents to run the stall, particularly for the 12-2pm and 2-4pm shifts. If you are able to assist please contact members of the P & C.

Pie Drive

Cindy is organizing a Pie Drive Fundraiser and has put together information and order forms that went home with the children last Friday. Please encourage friends and family to support this initiative and remember that orders are due in on Monday 24th August. Pies will be at the school for collection Tuesday September 1st. Thank you Cindy for making it happen.

Amber Young

I’d like to take this opportunity to thank Amber Young for all of her hard work over the last few weeks while completing her professional experience. She has been an asset to the school and has given our students a variety of different learning experiences. We wish you all the best in your career.

Renee Buckley

We are fortunate enough to have another university student choosing to complete her professional experience at our School. Renee Buckley from the University of New England will commence her 4 week practicum on Monday 10th of August.

My Travels This Week

Unfortunately I will be out of the school on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday this week. On Tuesday I will be participating in further training on the implementation of the new Science and Technology syllabus with representatives from the Coffs Harbour Bellinger Valley Small Schools Network. On Thursday and Friday I will be attending the North Coast Principal’s Conference. Kate Lemmes will be teaching the students on Tuesday, with Mrs Champion and Mrs Peart on deck for Thursday and Friday.
Coffs Cup ½ Day Holiday

A quick reminder about the ½ day gazetted holiday for the Coffs Harbour area this Thursday. School will operate until 12 midday. Please make arrangements for your child to be picked up no later than 12. Thank you.

Cooking

On Friday the children, with the assistance of Mrs Peart and Rom, cooked Samosa Cakes. They were a big hit!

**SAMOSA CAKE**

**Ingredients**

- 1kg desiree potatoes, peeled and chopped
- 1/4 cup vegetable oil
- 3 green spring onions, finely chopped
- 3 cloves garlic, crushed
- 1 tblsp finely grated fresh ginger
- 1 tblsp mild curry powder
- 1/2 cup frozen peas, thawed
- 1/2 cup finely chopped fresh mint
- Salt and pepper, to taste
- Mango chutney and natural yoghurt, to serve

**Method**

Boil, steam or microwave potatoes, until tender. Drain. Place in a large bowl. Mash and cool. Heat 1 tblsp of the oil in a medium, non-stick frying pan over a medium heat. Add onions, garlic, ginger and curry powder. Cook, stirring occasionally, until soft. Stir onion mixture into potatoes with peas and mint. Season with salt and pepper. Mix well. Cover. Refrigerate until cold. Divide mixture into 12 portions. Shape into patties. Brush both sides with remaining oil. Place on an oven tray. Cook in a hot oven (200c), turning halfway through for about 25 minutes, or until golden brown. Serve samosa cakes with salad, mango chutney and yoghurt.

Police Safety Talk

Police Youth Liaison Officers, Senior Constable Jo Brooker and Constable Snowy, visited our school today to speak to the children about many aspects of safety and the police force. It was a very informative lesson and the children asked many questions. Thank you Constable Brooker and Snowy for speaking to the children today.